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BARH THERMAL POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the NTPC Barh Thermal Power Project in Bihar;

(b) whether there is any delay in completion of this project;

(c) if so, the time by which the project is likely to be completed and made operative;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up any committee to monitor the project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): NTPC Ltd.`s Barh Super Thermal Power Project,in Bihar,is having two stages.The first stage consists of three units of 660 MW each,for which investment approval was accorded in February 2005.The second stage consists of Two (2) units of 660 MW each,for which Investment approval was accorded in February 2008.

Stage-I (3x660 MW) :
The works are in progress in Main Power House Building, Circulating Water (CW) System, Cooling Tower,Chimney,Coal Handling Plant and other offsite areas of the Project.In case of Steam Generator & Auxiliaries Package,supply of Boiler structures have commenced and 19,729 MT out of 37,523 MT of Unit-1 materials have been supplied.However, M/s. Technopromexport,Russia is declining to take up the erection activities of Steam Generator Package as the Agency is seeking removal of price escalation ceiling and also revision in work completion schedule.NTPC Ltd. issued notice to the Agency to start the boiler erection work immediately,subject to adjudication of dispute.The Agency opted for adjudication and the Adjudicator has been appointed on 10th October, 2008.

Stage-II (2x660 MW) :
Main Plant Steam Generator package has been awarded in March,2008 and Main Plant civil works in July, 2008.Piling Works have commenced in September,2008.Award for Steam Turbine Generator Package is expected to be placed shortly.

(b) & (c) : Stage-I (3x660 MW) :
The Stage-I units were envisaged to be commissioned by November,2010.Now,NTPC is taking all efforts for commissioning all the units progressively by March,2012.

Stage-II (2x660 MW) :
The Progress on project activities with respect to Stage-II Barh Project is in line with the schedule.The first unit is envisaged to be commissioned in the year 2011-2012 and the second unit in the year 2012-13 according to schedule.

(d) & (e) : No,Sir.NTPC Ltd. projects are being monitored by the Ministry of Power/other Government Agencies as follows:

(i) Monitoring through monthly reports/review.

(ii) Quarterly Progress Review (QPR) by the Ministry of Power.